



## **POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY**

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## **INDIANA PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES**

### **A STATE AGENCY**

- INDEPENDENT OF ALL OTHER AGENCIES**
- CREATED IN 1977 (DD ACT)**
- CARRIES OUT 8 FEDERALLY MANDATED PROGRAMS**
  - INCLUDING PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR VOTING ACCESS (PAVA)**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

**THE GOAL IS TO HAVE THE VOTER TO VOTE  
PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY.**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

### **GETTING TO THE VOTING MACHINES**

**TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
(ADA) APPLIES**

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### **TITLE II OF THE ADA BASICS**

**“SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, NO  
QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY SHALL, BY  
REASON OF SUCH DISABILITY, BE EXCLUDED FROM  
PARTICIPATION IN OR BE DENIED THE BENEFITS OF THE  
SERVICES, PROGRAMS, OR ACTIVITIES OF A PUBLIC  
ENTITY, OR BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION BY ANY  
SUCH ENTITY.” 42 USC § 12132**

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### **TITLE II OF THE ADA BASICS**

**“A PUBLIC ENTITY SHALL MAKE REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS IN POLICIES, PRACTICES, OR PROCEDURES WHEN THE MODIFICATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY, UNLESS THE PUBLIC ENTITY CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT MAKING THE MODIFICATIONS WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE, PROGRAM, OR ACTIVITY.” 28 CFR 35.130(B)(7).**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

### **GETTING TO THE VOTING MACHINES**

- THERE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE PARKING**
- THERE MUST BE A CLEAR ACCESSIBLE PATH FROM THE ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND THE BUILDING ENTRANCE TO THE POLLING PLACE.**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

### **POSSIBLE ISSUES:**

**CAN SOMEONE IN A WHEELCHAIR OPEN THE DOORS?**

**IS THERE A TRASH CAN OR OTHER MOVEABLE OBSTRUCTION AS PART OF THE CLEAR PATH?**

**IS AN ENTRANCE BEING USED THAT IS NOT TYPICALLY USED WHEN THE BUILDING IS IN ITS NORMAL OPERATION?**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

### **USE OF THE VOTING MACHINES**

- AT LEAST ONE VOTING MACHINE AT THE POLLING PLACE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE ACCORDING TO THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT.**
- INCLUDES AUDIO PROMPTS FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS AND MUST BE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS.**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

**MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE AT THE POLLING SITE  
KNOWS HOW TO USE THE ACCESSIBLE MACHINE.**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE**

- **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE SOMEONE YOU TRUST  
WITH YOU TO ASSIST YOU WHILE VOTING.**
- **THERE IS NO COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT.**

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## **INDIANA PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES**

**PART OF IPAS'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO  
ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM CLERK'S  
OFFICES AND POLL WORKERS. SO, PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO ASK US QUESTIONS.**

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## **INDIANA PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES**

**QUESTIONS?**

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